

Amendments to the Claims:

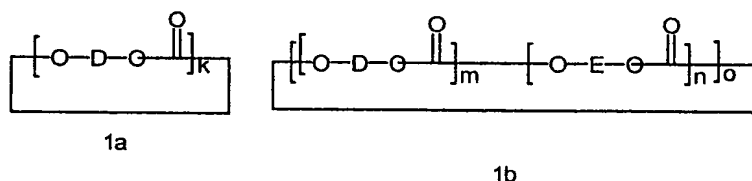
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Cancel Claims 1-5.

Add the following:

Claim 6 (new). A cyclic (co)polycarbonate conforming structurally to general formulae (1a) or (1b),



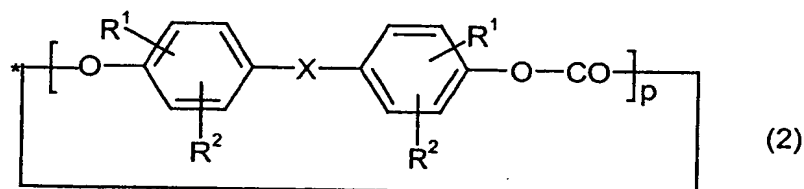
in which -D- and -E- independently denote an aromatic group having 6 to 40 C atoms, k stands for an integer from 1 to 4000 and m, n and o each independently of the other, stand for numbers from 1 to 4000.

Claim 7 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 6 wherein the aromatic group contains heteroatoms.

Claim 8 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 6 wherein the aromatic group is substituted with C₁-C₁₂-alkyl groups or halogen.

Claim 9 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 6 wherein the aromatic group contains at least one member selected from the group consisting of aliphatic group, cycloaliphatic group, aromatic nucleus and heteroatoms as a bridging link.

Claim 10 (new). A cyclic (co)polycarbonate conforming structurally to the general formula (2)



in which

R^1 and R^2 independently of each other denote H, linear or branched C_1 - C_{18} alkyl- or alkoxy-, halogen aryl- or aralkyl group, X stands for a single bond, a C_1 - to C_6 -alkylene, C_2 - to C_5 -alkylidene-, C_5 - to C_6 -cycloalkylidene group, or a C_6 - to C_{12} -arylene group and p stands for an integer from 1 to 4000.

Claim 11 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 10 wherein the aryl or aralkyl group is substituted.

Claim 12 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 10 wherein the C_5 - to C_6 -cycloalkylidene group is substituted by C_1 - to C_6 -alkyl.

Claim 13 (new). The cyclic (co)polycarbonate of Claim 10 wherein the C_6 - to C_{12} -arylene group is condensed with aromatic rings containing other heteroatoms.

Claim 14 (new). A process for the production of the (co)polycarbonate according to Claim 6 comprising dissolving diphenols in an aqueous alkaline solution to obtain a first solution and adding the first solution drop-by-drop, whilst stirring, concurrent with a carbonate source to a two-phase mixture of an aqueous alkaline solution, an organic solvent and a catalyst.

Claim 15 (new). The process of Claim 14 wherein the carbonate source is dissolved in a solvent.

Claim 16 (new). A molded article comprising the (co)polycarbonate of Claim 6.